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## General Comment

Organizations which call for religious exemption by employers and other groups for the full coverage for contraception services and counseling as prevention services are in contravention of the United States Constitutional principle of individual religious freedom. Each person should have the right to choose, and not to be spoken for by faith-based authorities and employers. Expansion of the religious exemption is antithetical to our foundations, history, and societal future. Please revoke the proposed exemption. Thank you!